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CHAPTER 181

Fur Farms Act

1. In this Act,

Interpretation

- (a) "Director" means the Director of the Veterinary Services Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food;
- (b) "fur-bearing animal" means a fisher, fox, marten, mink, raccoon or any other animal that the Lieutenant Governor in Council declares to be a fur-bearing animal for the purposes of this Act;
- (c) "fur farm" means premises where fur-bearing animals are kept in captivity for propagation or the production of pelts for commercial purposes;
- (d) "inspector" means an inspector appointed for the purposes of this Act;
- (e) "licence" means a licence under this Act;
- (f) "Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Food;
- (g) "pelt" means the untanned skin of a fur-bearing animal;
- (h) "regulations" means the regulations made under this Act. 1971, c. 29, s. 1; 1972, c. 1 s. 1.

2. The administration of this Act is under the control and direction of the Minister. 1971, c. 29, s. 2. Administration of Act

3. No person shall commence or continue to be the operator of a fur farm except under the authority of a licence from the Director in respect of that farm. 1971, c. 29, s. 3. Licence for operation of a fur farm

4. The Director shall issue a licence to a person who makes application therefor in accordance with this Act and the regulations and pays the prescribed fee. 1971, c. 29, s. 4. Issue of licence

Responsibility of operator

5.—(1) An operator of a fur farm shall maintain in a clean and sanitary condition the premises in which fur-bearing animals are kept.

Idem

(2) An operator of a fur farm shall ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent cruelty to or neglect of the fur-bearing animals on the fur farm.

Idem

(3) An operator of a fur farm shall ensure that the pens and enclosures in which fur-bearing animals are kept are constructed and maintained in a manner that will prevent such animals from escaping and other animals from entering. 1971, c. 29, s. 5.

Permits

6. No person shall,

- (a) take or ship, or cause to be taken or shipped, from a fur farm to a point outside Ontario;
- (b) take or ship, or cause to be taken or shipped, from a fur farm to a point within Ontario; or
- (c) send, or cause to be sent, from a fur farm to a tanner or taxidermist for tanning, plucking or treating in any way,

any fur-bearing animal or pelt except under the authority of a permit prescribed in the regulations. 1971, c. 29, s. 6.

Containers to be marked

7. A container used in the shipment or transportation of fur-bearing animals or pelts from a fur farm shall be plainly marked on the outside in such a manner as to give the quantity and description of the contents and the names and addresses of the consignor and of the consignee. 1971, c. 29, s. 7.

Inspectors

8.—(1) The Minister may appoint a chief inspector and such other inspectors as he considers necessary to carry out and enforce this Act and the regulations.

Certificate of appointment

(2) The production by an inspector of a certificate of his appointment purporting to be signed by the Minister is admissible in evidence as *prima facie* proof of his appointment without further proof of the signature or authority of the Minister.

Powers of inspector

(3) Subject to subsection (4), an inspector may, for the purpose of carrying out his duties under this Act and the regulations, enter any premises or building used in connection with a fur farm or which he has reason to believe are used in connection with the operation of a fur farm.

(4) Except under the authority of a warrant under section 142 of the *Provincial Offences Act*, an inspector shall not enter any part of a dwelling without the consent of the owner or occupant. Entry of dwellings R.S.O. 1980, c. 400

(5) Every person shall, when required by the Director or an inspector, produce any books, records or other documents relating to the operation of a fur farm. 1971, c. 29, s. 8. Production of records, etc.

9. No person shall hinder or obstruct an inspector in the course of his duties or furnish him with false information or refuse to furnish him with information. 1971, c. 29, s. 9. Obstruction of inspector

10. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable for a first offence to a fine of not more than \$100 and for a second or subsequent offence to a fine of not more than \$500. 1971, c. 29, s. 10. Offence

11. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations, Regulations

- (a) providing for the issue of licences and prescribing the duration, terms and conditions thereof and the fees to be paid therefor;
- (b) declaring animals, other than those mentioned in clause 1 (b), to be fur-bearing animals for the purposes of this Act;
- (c) prescribing forms and providing for their use;
- (d) prescribing the records to be made and kept by the operator of a fur farm;
- (e) prescribing the reports to be submitted to the Director by the operator of a fur farm;
- (f) prescribing, and providing for the issue of, permits for the purposes of section 6;
- (g) prescribing the duties of inspectors;
- (h) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act. 1971, c. 29, s. 11.

